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 HETERODIMER COMPLEXES,
 AND PLATELET SUBSTITUTES

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AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 13, 2000, in a format in accordance with the new rules, using clean copies of the specification, claims, and abstract and also marked-up versions of such, Applicants amend as follows:

In The Specification (clean copy as amended)

Please replace the first paragraph on Page 1 with the following:

The present invention relates to chimeric proteins consisting of an integrin and an immunoglobulin, their heterodimer complexes, a production process thereof, their applications as drugs and reagents, etc. Furthermore, the present invention relates to medicinal application of isolated extracellular matrix receptors such as integrin-immunoglobulin chimeric protein heterodimer complexes, as platelet substitutes.

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Please replace the paragraph bridging Pages 2 and 3 with the following: